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Comments: Dear Examiner Gitomer,

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Appeal filed June 23, 2003 along with the date receipt postcard.

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37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1651

PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHVETS et al. Conf.: 6900
Appl. No.: 09/750,348 Group: 1651
Filed: December 29, 2000 Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph
For: A BIOLOGICAL ASSAY METHOD

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 23, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 23, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3-18, 20-25 and 109.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$465.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of _____ () month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on _____. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional _____ () month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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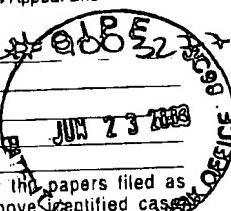
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